



21st National Veterans Wheelchair Games

New York Minute



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Weather: 79°**

Mostly sunny.

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NOTES:

Helmets must be worn at 5K race and track events. Limited helmets are available at the event.

WHEELCHAIR GAMES ATHLETES STRUT THEIR STUFF IN TIMES SQUARE

New York City is known for it's gritty basketball courts where the name of the game is keeping up with players who take to the hoop in a style all their own. Yesterday, in the heart of Times Square, members of the Wheelchair Basketball team delighted hundreds with their own style of basketball, thanks to the Times Square Business Improvement District.



Dr. Bob says: WARNING, WARNING!

Riding escalators are very dangerous to your health.

Riding escalators in chairs is always a risky business – even for folks who do it all the time. It is extremely dangerous for first timers or amateurs. The hotel won't likely let me make Escalator riding a new exhibition sport with instructors and spectators present.

So, please, stay off the escalators with your chairs.

USE OF MEAL VOUCHERS

Please note that the \$30 meal voucher you received at registration should be redeemed for your dinner meal on Wednesday, July 4. There will be no other meal provided.

The \$30 meal voucher will be accepted at any of the restaurants provide with your voucher. If you spend more than \$30, you are responsible for the difference. If you spend less than \$30, you will not receive change.



IT TAKES WILLPOWER *By Jenny Tankersley*

That's just what 27 year-old Navy veteran, William "Bill" Groulx has done. Cheered on by many other athletes, Groulx pulled through with the time needed to win a Silver medal in his first ever competition- the 1C Slalom!

Groulx, a T-4 paraplegic was injured in August 2000 in a motorcycle accident while he was on active duty at Norfolk Naval Base, assigned to a submarine. Groulx gives credit for his quick rehabilitation to the clinicians and support staff at the Seattle VAMC.

When asked how he became interested in the NVWG, Groulx

says that although he knew it was soon, he wanted to try. It's easy to recognize Groulx as a true winner as he describes his return trips to the rehabilitation department and the time he spends with newly injured veterans. "I do it for them because that's what others did for me. I just want to return the favor," said Groulx.

Although he said he was wiped out from his competition, Groulx found the strength and enthusiasm to cheer for other athletes throughout the remainder of the Slalom competition on Monday. "This is awesome," concluded Groulx.

It takes a lot of willpower to compete for the first time in such a huge sports event like the National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG). But it takes sheer guts and determination to compete just a little over three months release from the hospital.

BO DEREK VISITS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

Actress Bo Derek will be at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games during the week, handing out medals and encouragement.

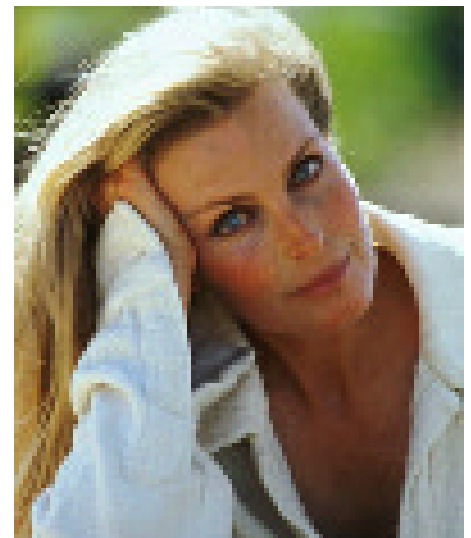
Running on the beach with her beaded corn-rows and barely-there bathing suit in 1979's "10," Bo Derek entered the annals of American pop culture. But what has focused the public's continuing interest in her is the emerging perception of Derek as a forthright woman who has taken firm charge of both life and career.

Derek worked on a flurry of films in the early 80's including "A Change of Seasons" (1980). "Fantasies" (1981), "Tarzan, the Ape Man" (1981), and "Bolero" (1984). Ever looking for new challenges, and far more than just another pretty face, Derek also wore the producer hat for both "Tarzan, the Ape Man" and "Bolero."

Derek withdrew from the Hollywood scene in the mid-80's to pursue personal interests,

resurfacing in the 90's in several foreign films, television movies, and the successful "Tommy Boy" (1995). She recently resumed her career following her husband's (John Derek) passing, hosting American Movie Classics' original series, "The Hollywood Fashion Machine" and making memorable appearances on "The Drew Carey Show" and "Family Law." She was recently seen in the E! Entertainment original movie "Murder At the Cannes Film Festival," and ABC's "Two Guys and a Girl." Bo has also recently wrapped up filming the independent feature "Life In The Balance." She is currently at work on a book, which will be published by Regan Books, an imprint of Harper Collins Publishers.

Derek's passion and compassion for animals has led her into the business world. Her line of pet products, "Bless the Beasts," which includes shampoos, conditioners and pomades for dogs is sold exclusively at PETCO stores



throughout the country. Ms. Derek is also an active member of Habitat for Humanity and, along with Jeff Bridges, is co-chair of Hunger Free America, an organization dedicated to eradicating hunger in the U.S. Ms. Derek recently helped raise funds for the Holocaust Museum in Tampa, Florida, an organization that promotes tolerance.

Look for Derek at various events during the week!

21ST NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY JULY 3

| <i>TIME</i> | <i>EVENT</i> | <i>LOCATION</i> |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 6-9AM | BREAKFAST | MARRIOTT Skylobby Fl., 16, 23 |
| 8AM | AIR GUNS | MARRIOTT |
| | SLALOM, II-III | MARRIOTT |
| 9AM | BOWLING ,RAMP | CHELSEA PIER |
| | ARCHERY | RANDALLS ISLAND |
| 10AM | AIR GUNS | MARRIOTT |
| | SLALOM, IV-V | MARRIOTT |
| 11AM-1PM | LUNCH | MARRIOTT Skylobby Fl., 16, 23 |
| | | CHELSEA PIER |
| | | RANDALLS ISLAND |
| 11:30AM | SLALOM SUPER "G" (EXHIBTION) BY INVITATION | MARRIOTT |
| 1PM | AIR GUNS | MARRIOTT |
| | 9 BALL, IA-B-C | CORNER BILLIARDS |
| | TT, II-III | MARRIOTT |
| 1-4PM | WEIGHTLIFTING WEIGH-IN | MARRIOTT |
| 3PM | TT, IV-V | MARRIOTT |
| | AIR GUNS | MARRIOTT |
| 4:30-6:30PM | DINNER | MARRIOTT 7th Fl Soho, Empire, Astor |
| 6:30PM | BASKETBALL, GAME 5-6-8 | RIVER BANK PARK |
| | TT, IA-B-C | MARRIOTT |
| 7PM | AIR GUNS | MARRIOTT |
| 8PM | BASKETBALL, GAME 9-10 | RIVER BANK PARK |

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE

All buses depart from the 45th Street side of the Marriott

| <i>TIME</i> | <i>EVENT</i> | <i>DESTINATION</i> |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 6:30AM-NOON | BOWLING | CHELSEA PIERS |
| 6:30AM-1PM | ARCHERY | RANDALL'S ISLAND |
| 11AM - 5PM | 9 BALL | CORNER BILLIARDS |
| 4PM - 11PM | BASKETBALL | RIVERBANK STATE PARK |

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND ASSISTANCE

Two Medical Suites, located in the 4th floor Gilbert and Odette Rooms, will be fully operational for treatment of minor injuries and illnesses. The rooms will be open from 7am to 11pm.

Medical Staff will also be available at each venue activity at the Marriott and will make rounds at each of the three mealtime areas on a daily basis.

All other venue sites will also have Medical Support provided for the entire time the activities are in place.

After hours, a Games physician will be on call each night, and can be reached by calling the hotel operator. In the event of a life-threatening emergency, dial the hotel operator to call 911.

THURSDAY BAGGAGE CHECK AND PRE-BOARDING — A MUST

In order to get all bags and luggage ready for airport transportation and to pre-board for your departing flight, please follow the following instructions:

- Have all luggage packed and ready to be picked up by hotel staff at 2:00 pm on Thursday (bags and luggage will be brought to the Westside Ballroom)
- Athletes must pre-board from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Thursday. Please go to the pre-boarding area in the Westside Ballroom, reunite with your luggage and collect your boarding pass. Your luggage will be delivered to the airport and on your flight

WHEELCHAIR REPAIR

Wheelchair Repairs will be provided at each of the Games Venues during scheduled events by one of the major sponsors, Invacare Corp. Invacare will provide service free of charge to any veteran athlete requiring repair service.

The Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association (EPVA) will also have their wheelchair repair staff on duty at the Marriott from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm daily in the Wilder Room. VISN 3 Prosthetics staff will be on duty at the wheelchair repair station in order to establish eligibility and process payment for any EPVA repairs.

Immediately adjacent to the Wilder Room, in the Hart Room, Network Prosthetics will store, issue and when necessary deliver to the athletes rooms the durable medical equipment that the athletes requested in their initial Games application package.

TODAY'S MENU

Breakfast

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

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- Homestyle pancakes with warm maple syrup and apple compote
- Danish and Bagels with Cream Cheese, Butter, Margarine, and Preserves
- Assorted Beverages

Lunch

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Chelsea Pier

Randalls Island

Marriott Skylobby Flrs 16,23

- Tri-color pasta salad
- Assorted wrap sandwiches to include: Turkey, Ham and Vegetable
- Individual Bags of Doritos
- Brownies and Blondies
- Assorted Beverages

Dinner

4:30pm-6:30pm

Marriot 7th floor: Soho, Empire and Astor rooms

- Teriyaki Chicken Breast with stir fried vegetables, japanese rice and grilled pineapple
- Chefs Choice of Dessert
- Assorted Beverages